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## Water rate hike gets ICC OK

SPRINGFIELD — Granite City-area customers of the Illinois-American Water Company can say goodbye to the company's recently implemented but unpopular monthly billing schedule. But local customers will also be saying hello to higher bills as a result of an Illinois Commerce Commission ruling Wednesday.

The commission approved an overall rate increase of about 7.3 percent for Illinois-American Water Co.'s Southern Division. The Southern Division includes the Interurban District, which serves Granite City, Belleville and East St. Louis.

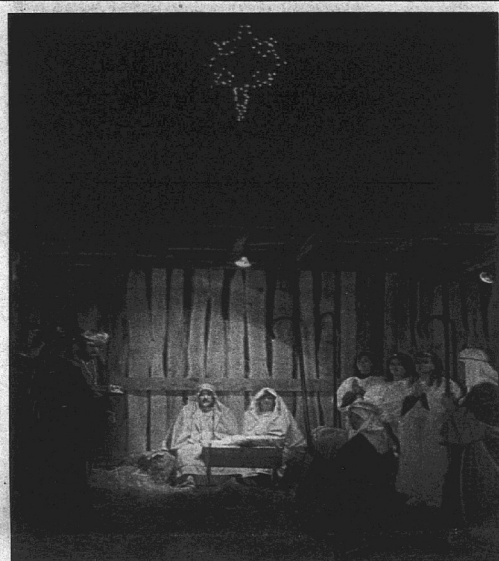
The cost for the average residential customer is expected to increase about 3 cents a day to \$23.62 per month, about a 4.1 percent increase.

The rate for commercial and industrial users is yet to be determined.

However, the ICC rejected the company's proposal to shift from quarterly to monthly bills, a change commissioners did not believe would be cost-effective.

The company had already implemented monthly billing in most of the Granite City area. The rate order was approved unanimously and without discussion.

Illinois-American Assistant Treasurer Ronald D. Stafford (See WATER, Page 11A)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

**Nativity** — Members of the congregation at Calvary Pentecostal Assembly at 4650 Maryville Road in Granite City set up a live-action nativity scene last weekend to remember the real meaning of Christmas.

## GC Steel plan gets support

### 50 attend IEPA hearing

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Nearly all of the 50 people who braved the snow and ice to attend an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency hearing Wednesday night agreed on at least one thing: closing Granite City Steel would cause economic devastation in the region. But the IEPA does not take economic impact into account when making air permit decisions.

The IEPA conducted a hearing Wednesday to accept public comments on a construction permit that would allow Granite City Steel to increase its production of iron and steel.

The company and local officials say the permit is necessary to allow Granite City Steel to compete with mini-mills and other steelmakers.

Opponents said pollution is already too high and urged the IEPA to step up enforcement.

IEPA has tentatively agreed to issue a permit for the change. Granite City Steel would be allowed to increase its production of iron at its blast furnaces by nearly 33 percent, to 3,165,000 net tons per year from its current limit of 2,372,500 net tons, according to a draft of the permit. Similarly, steel production in the company's basic oxygen furnaces could increase by 29 percent to 3,580,000 net tons per year from 2,774,000 net tons.

While increased production will

'How would you like to have to come back here a few years from now and try to figure out what to do with 1,100 vacant acres (if the company goes out of business)?'

— John Belcoff  
Madison mayor

result in increased emissions of carbon monoxide and sulphur dioxide, the IEPA has determined that the net change in the quantities of pollutants will be insignificant because the company has greatly decreased its emissions of other pollutants.

'There will be significant increases in particulate emissions from the project by itself,' said Jim Ross, an engineer with the IEPA's Bureau of Air. 'But we look at the big picture; that is, over the last five years there has been a significant decrease in particulate emissions.'

Ross said the decrease in emissions is the result of an investment by the company of millions of dollars in state-of-the-art equipment.

(See HEARING, Page 11A)

## Miller challenging Belcoff in precinct

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

Several interesting races for precinct committeemen are shaping up in the March primary.

Monday was the last day candidates could file petitions to have their names placed on the March 19 primary ballot.

While few Republicans filed in Granite City, Nameoki, Venice and Chouteau townships, several long entrenched Democrats —



Miller

Madison Mayor John Belcoff, for example — face stiff competition to keep their precinct representation.

Belcoff faces a challenge from his neighbor, Madison Alderman Ralph Miller, in Venice Township precinct 9. Miller won an aldermanic reelection bid last year, but only

after an administrative review overturned a decision by the Madison city election board to throw Miller off the ballot.

The election board, consisting of Belcoff, City Clerk Bill Weidner and Alderman Norris Horton, ruled in favor of aldermanic candidate Tom Cass in Cass' challenge to Miller's election petitions. But a court decision subsequently overruled the election board.

Other prominent Democrats who face challenges in committee-man races include Pontoon Beach Trustee Randy Presswood in Nameoki precinct 1; Granite City School Board member Pete Novacich in Nameoki precinct 11; Granite City Alderman Foster "Freddie" Frederick and Bob Page in Granite City precincts 9 and 19, respectively; long-time committee

Belcoff

(See CHALLENGE, Page 11A)



(Staff photo by JOHN SWISTAK JR.)

Santa Claus has ties with patron Saint Nicholas.

## Man of month: Santa Claus

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

It's the last hours of Dec. 24 and your parents have long since shuttled you off to bed.

"Santa Claus won't come until you're asleep," your mother says as she pulls your blanket firmly up to your chin. "Goodnight."

And there you lie, alone in the dark. Well, at least until your mother is out of earshot. Then you switch on your trusty transistor radio to get an update on the latest sighting of the jolly man in red.

If you planned ahead, there's an earplug handy so that you don't have to worry about your late night antics (See SANTA, Page 11A)

## 270 project gets funds

### Traffic to be restricted

The Illinois Department of Transportation has awarded a \$24.8 million contract for major repairs on bridges and pavement on Interstate 270 near Mitchell.

"The contractor will be doing off-pavement work until July 1, and then there are going to be two lanes open in peak directions during the rest of 1996," Bernie Fahey, construction engineer for IDOT District 8, said.

The project includes patching and resurfacing of 6.5 miles on I-270 between the Mississippi River and I-255 and repair and resurfacing of the canal and Mississippi River bridge decks.

During morning hours beginning July 1, the highway's two westbound lanes will be open for commuters going to Missouri and one eastbound lane will be open for motorists traveling east.

"It's going to be a complicated little deal, so we're going to have pamphlets made up in the spring to distribute to motorists," Fahey said. Starting in 1997, the work will require shutting down all but one lane in each direction at various times all the way to the Missouri border, Fahey said.

"It's going to be a nightmare for awhile," he said of traffic conditions then, particularly on the I-270 bridges over the canal and the Mississippi River. The contract, awarded to Keller Construction (See TRAFFIC, Page 2A)

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KRCR-TV Channel 35

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
30 32	31 34	32 35	35 37

## Red Cross to relay messages

The American Red Cross will let its fingers do the walking for area residents who need to relay emergency messages to members of the armed forces in Bosnia. The Red Cross has assigned a nine-member emergency service team to accompany U.S. troops as they prepare for deployment from bases in the United States and Europe and others (See MESSAGES, Page 7A)

## Irwin Chapel



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# THE VOICE BOX:

What gift do you most want to receive for Christmas?

By JOHN FRESSE



Danielle Knight, 10, Granite City. "A radio for my bedroom."



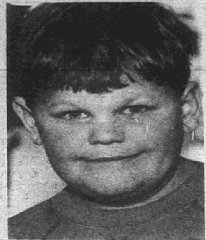
Nathan Narup, 6, Granite City. "A White Ranger, you know, the tiger (one of the Power Ranger action figures)."



Emily Cross, 8, Granite City. "A keyboard to play, I used to take piano lessons."



Justin Keith Harms, 5, Granite City. "A Gameboy to put tapes in like Mario."



Robby Cross, 9, Granite City. "A football and a Sorry game to play with my brothers, Stephen and Dempsey."

## Three charged after fight

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Three people were charged with misdemeanors by the Venice police following an altercation early Wednesday morning. Dinah L. Watson, 26, of Venice Homes was charged with battery. Joan D. Poindexter, 21, of the 1000 block of Logan, Madison; and Deandra Walker, 29, of the 100 block of Abbott in Venice were both charged with criminal damage to property.

Watson was released on a notice to appear, while Poindexter and Walker both posted \$107 cash bond. According to police reports, at approximately 2:17 a.m. Wednesday police were dispatched to the Venice Homes housing project, where a resident had reported observing three females standing around her car. The woman allegedly witnessed Walker smash out a car window and Poindexter cut two tires.

The woman then told her boyfriend, Watson, who went out and allegedly started fighting with Poindexter.

Poindexter broke away from Watson, who then allegedly proceeded to beat the third woman. Police reported multiple bruises on her face.

Police said the incident was probably caused by some kind of ongoing argument, but were unsure exactly what it was.

## •Traffic —

(Continued from Page 1A)

Inc. of Glen Carbon and Keeley & Sons Inc. of East St. Louis, calls for completion of all the work by the end of 1997.

In addition, the contract includes bridge deck replacement and widening on the I-270 bridges over Illinois 2, Illinois 203 and nearby railroad tracks.

The wider bridges are part of a plan to eventually widen the stretch of I-270 between the river and I-255 to six lanes.

However, that project is not in IDOT's five-year plan and it's unclear when funds will be available, Fahey said.

## Teachers cite money shortage

Educators surveyed throughout the state say they believe they can boost student achievement with more money.

The Illinois Tax Foundation, which surveyed teachers, superintendents and school board members, reported that 70 percent had "strong confidence" that with additional resources they could boost achievement measurably in their schools in two to three years.

The educators said they would be willing to give up any extra money if it didn't result in better results for students.

Tax Foundation President Jim Nowlan said the response "surprised me, as I half-expected the educators to find excuses or hedge on this tough question."

He cited a statement by Ed Armstrong,

superintendent of the school district in East

Richland.

"Give us a block grant of \$1,000 per student, let us agree with the State Board (of Education) on specific goals, and if we don't achieve them in four years, our school loses the grant."

If they received more money, the educators surveyed said they would use it for lower teacher-student ratios, more professional development and enhanced technology such as more computers and lab equipment.

The educators also emphasized the need for closer relationships between schools and parents and for the business community to make their expectations more clear.

— From the Alton Telegraph

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# Madison OKs bid for shopping center work

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

A bid for exterior work on the David Connole Alpine Village Shopping Center was accepted by the Madison City Council Tuesday.

Love Construction of Granite City bid \$17,875 for eight of 10 items the council wanted repaired. The company passed on the last two — repairs and improvements to the parking lot. In a letter to the council, company officials said they could not do those portions of the work, and it would be more expensive for them to sub-bid those than for the city to do it.

The council has been attempting to have repairs to the outside of the building at 304 and 308 Madison Ave. for several months, but had been unsuccessful in obtaining bids.

During the summer, the city asked for bids, but those received were too high. In a second try nobody responded, so city officials contacted the company about submitting a proposal.

The bid includes painting the building; repairing the facade, soffit, and guttering on the southeast and northeast corners of the building. Landscaping and other repairs are also included.

In other business, the council approved paying for street lights near the Gateway Plaza truck stop, and also approved no parking areas on Ohio Street and Madison Road.

The city approved a resolution to enter an agreement with Union Electric to provide lights. The cost will be about \$200 per month for the next 10 years.

Mayor John Belcoff said the lighting would be a major improvement to the area. The truck stop is in the city's proposed tax increment financing district, and city officials have said a major improvement project is planned.

However, a company official at the meeting declined to talk about the improvement plans, saying they were not ready to be discussed.

## Forum focuses on economy

By Mike Viola  
Staff writer

An informational forum was held last week to find ways to strengthen the economy of East St. Louis and neighboring communities.

The forum was attended by about 70 community leaders,

most from the financial industry, to inform the participants about redevelopment opportunities in the area.

"We want to improve not only East St. Louis but also Centerville, Alorton, Washington Park, Brooklyn, Venice and National City,"

said LaMar Gentry, East St. Louis city manager. "We are only as strong as our weakest link."

Curtis Galloway, director of Business and Economic Development for East St. Louis, said he was encouraged by the number of participants who came with banking, political and business backgrounds.

"This is just the first of many steps we plan to take to ensure the economic future of our city," Galloway said. Gentry noted that for years, East St. Louis and its neighbors had been viewed by outsiders as a wasteland where economic development was nearly impossible.

However in recent years, several projects have changed (See FORUM, Page 11A)



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

**Presenting** — About 370 gaily wrapped Christmas packages were collected at the Annual Mayor's Christmas Party, held Dec. 12 at St. Gregory's Armenian Center. Party attendees were each asked to donate one wrapped children's package worth about \$10. Pictured from left with the packages, which will be delivered to needy children, are, from left, John Bosich from Protestant Welfare; Mayor Ron Selph; Jo Ann Arth from Catholic Charities; James Faulkner from Protestant Welfare; and Ralph Hausmann from St. Elizabeth Medical Center's social services.



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

**Support** — The Granite City Auxiliary Police Department collected more than 110 packages for the annual Mayor's Christmas Party. Pictured, from left, are Auxiliary Police officers Tim Byrd, Nathan Branding, Scott Wilson and Larry Blackwell; Mayor Ron Selph; and auxiliary officers Larry Earney, Mark Dowdy and John Bonvicino.

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## Tour planned to view Tilles Park holiday lights

Due to the overwhelming response of last year's trip, Nelson Hagnauer, Granite City Township supervisor, is sponsoring another tour Dec. 28 to view the Christmas lights at Tilles Park. This event is open to Granite City Township resident senior citizens, ages 55 and older. Chartered buses will depart from the town hall, 2060 Delmar Ave., at 5 p.m. To make reservations for this evening, call Hagnauer's office at 877-8585 before 4 p.m. Dec. 26. This trip is free of charge. The Granite City Township buses will provide transportation to and from your home. If you need a ride, please indicate this when you make reservations for the tour. Upon arrival back at the town hall, the supervisor's staff will serve dessert and coffee to everyone.

**Toy time** — Denise Wright of Protestant Welfare, left, and Karen Costello of Catholic Charities look over some of the toys that Lisa Fanning of United Steel Workers Local 67, right, purchased with funds raised by steel workers who collected soda cans throughout the year. The cans brought \$886 for purchase of the toys, and a further \$1620.95 was raised by gate collections in the first week of December. All of the steel workers' locals, 1630, 67 and 68, took part in the effort. The charities will distribute the toys with food and other assistance given out during the Christmas season.



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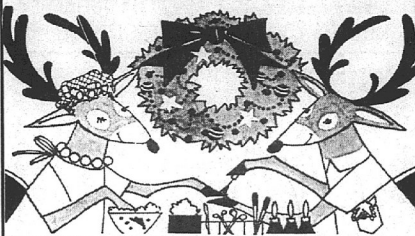
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## Fess up and pay up SIUE students warned on illegal phone calls

Students who made more than \$1 million worth of illegal phone calls on Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville telephones have two months to fess up and pay up.

A series of slip-ups and billing gaps allowed students to dial into the university's main phone trunk line for two years without being detected, running up an estimated \$1.1 million in bills.

SIUE officials became aware of the calls at the beginning of September when a monthly phone bill of \$175,000 came to light. Kenneth Neher, vice president for administration, said the calls began gradually in October 1993 but by a year later had escalated immensely. "It was a technical defeat of the switch," Neher said. "If they dialed the right segment (of numbers) at the right time real fast, the call would go into the university trunk line. It did not involve the university access code."

The calls were made from the University's Residence Hall and Tower Lake Apartments, he said. Officials from Neher's office, university police, auditors and the Office of Information Technology are investigating how students learned of the tricky calling technique. Other police agencies have been notified, Neher said.

Bills grew as more students learned to call family and friends for free across the country and around the world.

"There is no evidence there was any criminal action on the part of the employees."

— Kenneth Neher  
 SIUE official

One call to Panama lasted six hours, Neher said.

While many calls were to the Chicago area, a number were to China, India and Korea. Neher said he does not know how many students were involved or how many calls were made.

Auditors are still working on a final tally for the calls and are uncertain whether the \$1.1 million estimate will hold. "That is not the final number. It could move either way," Neher said.

As the bills mounted, two university workers apparently contributed to the problem by not alerting supervisors and not paying the bills.

Neher also said the telephone service broker, the state-run Central Management Services, did not notify SIUE officials that the bills had gone through the roof and had not been paid in a year.

Although Neher could not comment in detail on the two workers, he said one was assigned to watch usage lines and another was to take care

of billing. One of the two resigned to avoid firing, he said, and the university is negotiating in an attempt to discharge the other worker.

"Our internal controls broke down," Neher said. "A lot of things went wrong. There is no evidence there was any criminal action on the part of the employees. They just were not doing their jobs."

Neher also blames CMS. "If someone had complained at CMS that we had paid our bill, it might have been obvious."

Since the university has not paid CMS for the fraudulent calls, it is not clear who is left holding the Ameritech phone bill. CMS officials could not be reached for comment.

Neher said Cheryl Strackeljah, director of the Office of Information Technology, noticed irregularities in August after being on the job for a month. She informed Neher, President Nancy Helek and other officials who began investigating the calls.

Neher said a telephone line switch was immediately changed to block any more calls. The school also bought new computer software to monitor phone calls and billing. The cost of the equipment was not available Tuesday.

Neher mailed more than 2,700 letters Dec. 7 to students who had lived in university housing during the past two years. The letter informs anyone responsible for the

calls that they have until Feb. 29 to come clean and either pay for the calls or set up a payment plan with the university.

Calls totaling less than \$300 are Class A misdemeanors punishable by imprisonment of up to one year and a \$1,000 fine. Calls totalling more than \$300 are Class 4 felonies punishable by imprisonment of one to three years and a \$10,000 fine, according to the letter.

"I cannot emphasize enough how serious this fraudulent behavior is," Neher said in the letter. "We have already identified several hundred suspects through cross referencing. If you participated in this fraud, I urge you to participate in the amnesty program. The university and the telephone companies are committed to identifying and holding accountable those responsible."

Neher said more than 100 students have entered the amnesty program. Students who sold the numbers used in the scheme to other students will not be eligible for amnesty, he said.

The incident will not appear on the records of students who turn themselves in, Neher said. "We are interested in recovering the money and being as fair as we can."

Those who do not surrender may be contacted by law enforcement authorities. Scofflaws who left the school will not be able to re-enroll, obtain transcripts or grades or use other university services, he said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## 7th graders test for credit

Some students are taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test and earning college credit in computer programming, Spanish and Earth science — and they're not even in high school yet.

Nearly 75 area seventh-graders are taking college credit courses twice weekly at Belleville Area College through the Illinois Academic Talent Search program, which identifies the low number of highly gifted children and provides services for them, said Judy Ackerman, a gifted education specialist with the Regional Office of Education.

These services include providing academic stimulation and allowing these college-bound students to meet college requirements early.

"If these children take a foreign language when they are younger, they can take third- or fourth-year level classes during high school," Ackerman said. "Or, because they already have met the language requirement, it frees the children up to take more diverse coursework during high school."

"Another very important

aspect of the program is that it shows these very bright students that they don't have to go straight to a four-year college, but can go to a junior college and take some wonderful courses," she said.

To qualify for the talent search, sixth-grade students must score in the 95th percentile in the math or language arts portions of their achievement tests can be nominated by their schools. These children are then invited to take the SAT, with minimum scores of 400 in math or 430 in verbal required to participate in the program.

"Many of these children score above older students who are entering college," Ackerman said. "These are only the minimum scores. It's not uncommon for us to have kids in this program who score in the high 500s and 600s in each section."

While some might think taking college classes at this age can put undue pressure on the students, Ackerman said that usually these are very active teens for whom this is just another activity. While a child might be invited to join the

program, they are not required to do so.

"Many students are prepared to take this course work and function at a higher rate. They are truly gifted," Ackerman said.

Although the courses for the junior high students are not open to the public, they "are not watered down for them," Ackerman said. "They will have the same instructors and same standards that apply to adult students."

During one course, a professor handed out the syllabus the first week of class. Within one month, a student had already completed the reading schedule for the entire semester.

Spanish instructor Bonnie Cornejo of Swansea, a native of Puerto Rico, will be teaching the children more than just the Spanish language during her course work, which begins in January.

"I see my role as a native speaker is sharing the culture as well as the language. Cooking is one thing I expect to do with the children, but nothing elaborate, though," said Cornejo, who also teaches Spanish to children at the Wolf Branch Elementary School.

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**Santa visit** — Santa and Mrs. Claus (Robert and Joyce Albrecht of Wood River) visited Lake School to hand out candy canes and other goodies to children. At left, Santa Claus hugs two Lake School students during his visit. Below, Mrs. Claus fishes some more goodies out of a bag as Santa hands them out.



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Dozens of Edwardsville residents have scrutinized maps of routes that could become a new Illinois 159 and help unclog traffic in the southern part of that city.

Representatives of the Illinois Department of Transportation and Environmental Science and Engineering Inc. of Peoria presented two possible routes that would run parallel to and west of the current 159.

The first proposed route would begin as an extension of South Main Street from downtown. It would continue south, connecting Main to Plum Street, and run along an abandoned railway behind the Madison County Detention Home, then curve east to intersect with Center Grove Road.

An extended leg would continue east on Franklin Avenue to Troy Road. The engineers presented two possible plans for the southernmost leg of the road in Glen Carbon.

One version calls for the three-lane road to head east and south, connecting with Center Grove.

It would follow the abandoned railway behind South Pointe Shopping Center on the corner of Illinois 159 and Center Grove, where it would connect with the existing 159, making an island of the new shopping center.

A newer alternative — touted by Glen Carbon officials who want a commercial road going through the rear of the village's tax increment financing district — would have the route heading south and veering west behind a carpet store on Center Grove, crossing Center Grove behind Four Flags Motors. It then would connect with Illinois 159 south of Kettle River Drive.

Officials said information gathered from the public at Wednesday's meeting at Edwardsville Junior High School and others will be considered before final plans are drafted this summer. The plans then will be submitted to the state for consideration for placement on a project priority list.

IDOT officials said the options still exist of doing nothing or widening the current Illinois 159.

If the new highway is built, it would become Illinois 159 and the existing highway

would be called Troy Road, as it is now by residents.

— From the Alton Telegraph



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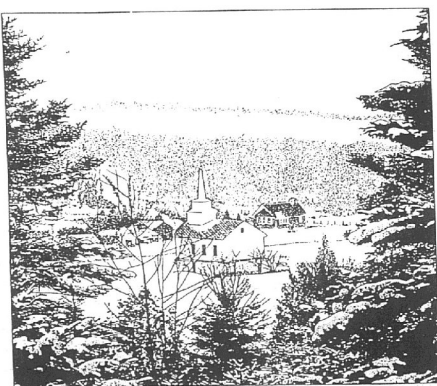
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## Milestones

Julie Nicol celebrated her 32nd birthday Dec. 14.  
Robert E. McClery III celebrated his ninth birthday Dec. 14.

Hilary Slover will celebrate her ninth birthday Dec. 25.  
Stephanie Noel Muller will celebrate her 19th birthday Dec. 25.

Mark Guenther will celebrate his birthday Dec. 25.  
Phil Slover will celebrate his birthday Dec. 26.

Chad Carpenter will celebrate his 26th birthday Dec. 26.  
Mallory Justine Smith will celebrate her second birthday Dec. 27.

Loren Sullivester Wilhlm will celebrate his birthday Dec. 28.  
Leslie McElroy will celebrate her 30th birthday Dec. 28.

Theresa "Cricket" Pashadag will celebrate her 37th birthday Dec. 29.  
Thelma Morelein will celebrate her birthday Dec. 29.

For a mention in the milestones listings, send a postcard with the person's name, date of celebration and telephone number to:  
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## Spending excesses alleged

# Pension system blasted

A lavish trip to Hawaii by a board member and other spending excesses by staffers have been rapped in a new audit of the pension system for state university employees. An audit report for the two-year period ending June 30, 1995, on the State Universities Retirement System includes additional revelations about the free-spending system that first came under fire in a special audit in the spring.

The system, headquartered in Champaign, accepted all of the findings in the report released Tuesday by Auditor General William Holland and has or is in the process of implementing the recommendations, acting Executive Director Robert Mandeville said.

The new report questions travel and meeting expenses by members of the system's board of trustees that "do not appear necessary in the performance of their duties."

It zeroes in on bills paid by the system for one board member and his wife to attend a national conference on public employee retirement systems in Honolulu.

Among bills questioned by auditors were two tickets to the Don Ho and Magic of Polynesia dinner shows at a cost of \$93 and \$89 respectively; a \$215-a-night hotel room; an average of \$66 per day for meals and an average of \$66 a day for car rental and parking.

Auditor General spokeswoman Barb Gussow said the board member who took the trip to Hawaii was Eugene Flynn of Nioga.

Gov. Jim Edgar signed legislation in late

spring abolishing the board of the system, which was made up of appointed representatives from state university boards, and replacing it with a smaller one appointed by the governor.

Flynn is not a member of the new board. The longtime executive director of the system, Dennis Spice, resigned under pressure in June and was replaced by Mandeville, state budget chief in the administration of former Gov. James Thompson.

The current director of the Minneapolis municipal pension system was recently hired and will start in July as permanent executive director.

Mandeville said Tuesday the abuses cited by auditors have ended and "the system has been clean since then."

Auditors also questioned entertainment expenses for quarterly board meetings in 1993 and 1994 in Champaign, like \$340 for a pianist at one meeting, \$260 for a harp player at another and \$800 to rent tents, tables and chairs so a board reception could be held outdoors.

The report also said more than \$28,000 in travel expenses by staff members were "nonreimbursable, unnecessary or unreasonable."

In some cases, the system paid for meals for staffers' spouses or for non-state employees in violation of regulations. Meals were reimbursed for as high as \$22 per person despite a per-meal cap of \$15.

— From the Alton Telegraph

## •Messages

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who are beginning to set up operations in the former Yugoslavia.

To send an emergency message to a family member in the armed forces deployed to Bosnia, families can contact the Alton-Wood River Chapter

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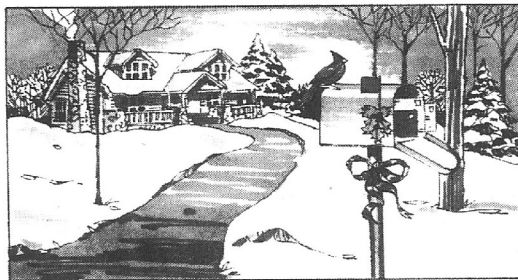
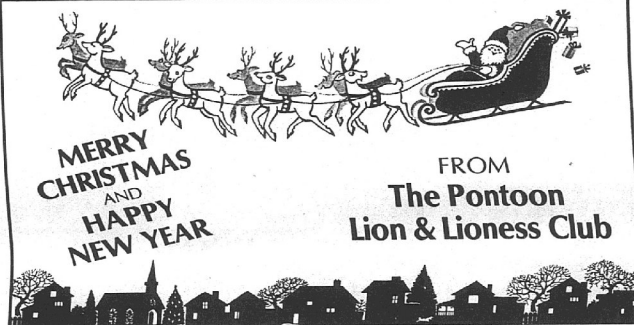
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Staff writer

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Lang is the winner of a \$5,000 Holiday Shopping Spree sponsored by West County Center shopping mall in west St. Louis County and the Suburban Journals.

"My first response was, 'Now I can buy things for other people,'" Lang said. After learning she was a winner Dec. 15, Lang contacted some community organizations and headed for a shopping list. The Ronald McDonald House, The Women's Safe House and the Hancock School District libraries are among the beneficiaries of Lang's good fortune. Individual needy families will have a brighter Christmas as well.

Her shopping list included blankets, towels, toys and a

vacuum cleaner.

"I hope I can spend the money wisely so I can benefit as many people as I can," she said. "There are so many needy families."

Lang came to West County Center to pick up the gift certificates Wednesday morning. She was armed with her shopping list and knew exactly where she needed to head.

Lang admitted she may buy one pair of shoes for herself, but hadn't decided yet.

"There are a lot of people I can help with this," she said. "A lot of people have a much greater need than I."

Lang grew up on a farm outside of Booneville, Mo. Her parents were very generous to those in need, she said. "My father would give you the shirt off his back," she said.

Before winning the shopping spree, Lang had already helped two needy families and completed her own Christmas shopping.

Lang is a retired professor of nursing.

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## Obit

## Hel

Helen of Granite City, died Thursday, December 21, 1995, at the St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri. She was 81 years old. She was born in Vienna, Austria, and came to the United States in 1918. She was a member of the St. Joseph's Church, St. Louis, and the St. Joseph's Guild. She is survived by her husband, John, and three children: Mary, John, and Helen. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Mary, John, and Helen. She was a very kind and loving person and will be missed by all who knew her. The funeral will be held on Friday, December 22, 1995, at 10:00 AM at the St. Joseph's Church, St. Louis. Burial will be in the St. Joseph's Cemetery, St. Louis. Friends are invited to attend the funeral. For more information, call 314-241-1234.

## Lily

Lily, 76, of Wednesburg, died Thursday, December 21, 1995, at the St. Joseph's Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri. She was born in the City of St. Louis. She was a member of the St. Joseph's Church, St. Louis, and the St. Joseph's Guild. She is survived by her husband, John, and three children: Mary, John, and Helen. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Mary, John, and Helen. She was a very kind and loving person and will be missed by all who knew her. The funeral will be held on Friday, December 22, 1995, at 10:00 AM at the St. Joseph's Church, St. Louis. Burial will be in the St. Joseph's Cemetery, St. Louis. Friends are invited to attend the funeral. For more information, call 314-241-1234.

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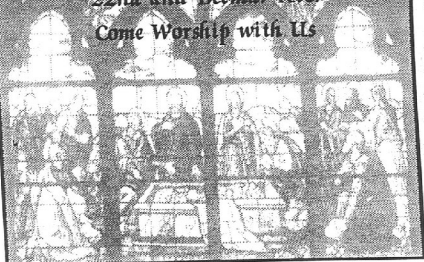
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### HOPE

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### LUPUS

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## Timing key for East in holiday tourney

A boys Class AA regional champion last season, Belleville East takes aim at another crown Dec. 28-30 in the Collinsville/Schnucks Holiday Classic, where the Lancers will be tested in more ways than one.

As the No. 4 seed, East not only opens with Clivie Memorial, an early-season surprise winner over Highland, but has Urbana and Edwardsville in its bracket where it's early to bed, early to rise... healthy, wealthy and wise — or something akin to that.

EAST AND CM are scheduled to meet at 10:30 on the opening day, Thursday, with the winner of that game advancing to a 1 p.m. contest Friday against Urbana or Edwardsville.

A victory in the latter game would mean a 1 p.m. encounter again Saturday. The winner of that semifinal will advance to the 6:30 p.m. championship game.

Tournament game times may seem inconsequential, but for East — and I assume, the other teams in the upper bracket — starting in the morning and never being out of the early action until possibly the finals has to be an adjustment.

East, for instance, will be playing its eighth game of the season when it faces CM after three weeks of weekend-dominated evening games. The same can be said of the Eagles, but they are not the No. 4 seed — a matter that adds to the intrigue of the tournament and upsets.

**WILL THE LANCERS** achieve morning glory leading to afternoon success and then a title on the night prior to a New Year's celebration?

Who knows? My mind, however, keeps flashing back to last spring's high school baseball regionals when a parent said of her son: "He doesn't pitch well in the morning."

He didn't.

**OVERTIME:** Top-seeded Decatur MacArthur joins East in the upper bracket with No. 3 Springfield Southeast and No. 2 Collinsville in the lower bracket. At the recent St. Louis Shootout, I sat next to Collinsville senior center Craig Walter.

Apparently, my tips I passed along to Walter were of little avail since the Kahoks lost 62-60 to Alton the next night in a Southwestern Conference opener for both teams.

**FIFTH QUARTER:** When running back Eddie George of Ohio State won the Heisman Trophy of collegiate football, it must have come as a surprise to former Belleville East athlete Matt Russell, now a middle linebacker at the University of Colorado.

In its closing argument for Heisman candidate Tommie Frazier, the Nebraska quarterback, Sports Illustrated quoted Russell: "I know last year Frazier got hurt, but this year is different. They've got a lot of young guys on the offensive line and in the backfield. I see Frazier's leadership. You can't see it in the press box, maybe, but he's in charge out there. I've got a lot of respect for him. And he's like a tailback who can pass and beat you about six different ways."

On Oct. 28, Frazier threw for 241 yards and ran for 40 more in a 44-21 win over Colorado. Frazier, incidentally, was named The Sporting News Player of the Year.

**ODDS AND ENDS:** Among the speakers at an annual Midwest Baseball Coaches Clinic in Peoria will be Dick Pawlow, the Western Illinois coach who notched his 57th collegiate win last spring. A native of East St. Louis and graduate of Assumption High, Dick will be joined at the clinic by Dewey Kalmer of Bradley and Dan Hartleb of Illinois, among others.

## Granite City duo settle in with German team

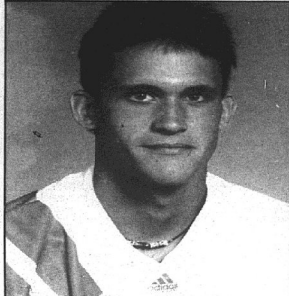
By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

At least two Granite City soccer players will have a *Fröhliche Weihnachten* this year.

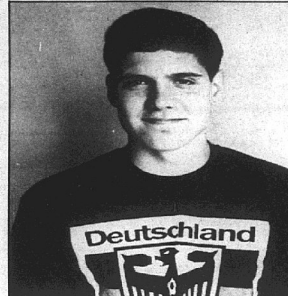
That's Merry Christmas in German, and being home for the holidays has given John Van Buskirk Jr. and Shawn Petroski time to reflect on their first few months of life in Germany.

Petroski, 18, and Van Buskirk, 23, are two of the best soccer players to come from this area in a long time. Both are waiting to join the first division of one of the world's best soccer leagues — the Bundesliga.

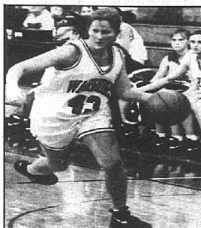
EACH IS TRAINING regularly with KFC Uerdingen, near the city of Krefeld, which is located on the (See GERMANY, Page 3B)



John Van Buskirk



Shawn Petroski



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Denise McMillan is scoring over 23 points per game for the Lady Warriors, who take on Quincy in the Mascoutah Invitational on Tuesday.

## Mascoutah tourney loaded with region's top squads

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

The lineup for this week's Mascoutah Girls Invitational Basketball Tournament reads like a "Who's who" of the best Class A and AA teams in southern Illinois.

The tournament runs Tuesday through Thursday at Mascoutah High School. Here's a look at Tuesday's first-round matchups: • Carlyle vs. Belleville West, 9:30 a.m.; Carlyle, the No. 1-ranked Class A team in the state, takes a 9-0 record into the tournament. Last season,

the Lady Indians were 29-6 and lost 43-41 to Teutopolis in the state championship game. Only one starter graduated from that team.

Carlyle has one of the state's top players in 5-9 junior Courtney Smith, a three-year starter who is averaging 26 points per game. Other top players are 5-9 senior Shannon Pollmann, 5-9 junior Erin Knaf (13 ppg), 5-9 junior Michelle Donahoe, 5-10 junior Leslie Dumstorf and 5-9 sophomore Kristin Hustedde (14 ppg). Smith and Pollmann are the leading rebounders.

In last year's tournament,

the Lady Indians lost to Highland in the first round, but came back to beat Weslin for the consolation championship.

Courtney and Shannon got hurt right before the tournament, so we weren't overlooking anybody, said coach Angie Gherardini. "This year, we've got more balanced scoring. It seems the girls are comfortable with each other and with their play, but there's always room for improvement every time the girls step on the floor."

Belleville West, meanwhile, took a 3-5 record into Friday's (See MASCOUTAH, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Through 10 games entering this weekend, Mikal Guffey (17) is leading the Warriors with 16 goals and 10 assists.

## On net

Guffey leading GCHS, league in scoring

By Rob Raphael  
Staff writer

Mikal Guffey is having the time of his life, and the Granite City hockey team is the beneficiary.

Guffey, 17, is a junior centerman for the Warriors, and he's having a lot of fun on the ice.

First of all, the Warriors were 10-0 entering this weekend's action, and the only unbeaten team in Tier II of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association.

AND GUFFEY is leading the offensive charge. Through Monday night's game with Howell North, Guffey was first in scoring for the Warriors with 26 points, on 16 goals and 10 assists.

As of last week, the Warriors had four of the top five scorers in Tier II, and Guffey was No. 1.

Guffey said he's always loved playing hockey, and has done so since he was in the third grade with the

Steeler Mite team. But he said he's never had this much fun.

"This is just going great. It's great to be undefeated," he said. "We have a long way to go, but this is the best hockey team I've ever played on. This team's so smart, and so unselfish. We don't care who scores, as long as it ends up in the net."

THE WARRIORS HAVE proved they can win in a variety of ways, even if it means coming from behind.

"The third period is our period — that's the way we look at it," Guffey said. "No matter what."

It hasn't always been so easy for the Warriors, although they've certainly enjoyed their share of success through the years. But when Guffey was a freshman, the Warriors got success through the years. But when Guffey was a freshman, the Warriors got success through the years. But when Guffey was a freshman, the Warriors got success through the years.

Just trying to score a goal,

or not get embarrassed," Guffey said. "That's how bad it was that year. We weren't even thinking about getting a win."

BUT NOW, THAT'S all the Warriors can think about. After a Mid-States semifinal appearance last year, Guffey said the Warriors can go all the way this season.

"Anything less than that would be a disappointment," he said. "We're taking each game one at a time, but we've already got March 1 (MSCHA finals) in mind. I've marked it on my calendar. We're not stopping until we get there."

Until then, Guffey says the Warriors just need to keep working hard.

"That's all you can do. If you let down one step, somebody will beat you," he said. "If we do lose a game, then we'll just come out the next one. But we plan on going undefeated. It hasn't happened much in the league."

(See GUFFEY, Page 4B)

## Holiday tourney next test for Red Devils

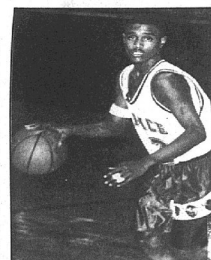
By Brian L. Jones  
Correspondent

The defending champion Columbia Eagles are seeded No. 1 in the Columbia-Freeburg Holiday Basketball Tournament they will host Tuesday through Friday at their home gymnasium.

They also were expected to enter the 16-team tournament as the only undefeated team taking a 5-0 record into their most recent game Thursday against visiting Valmeyer. Yet, sixth-year Columbia coach Darrell Burd is not necessarily secure in the notion of repeating as tournament champion.

"We're staying low-key about it, because there are eight or nine good teams in this tournament, and the kids know it," said Burd, whose Eagles play at 7 p.m. Tuesday against Hancock (Mo.), one of eight opening-day games. "We (had) a chance to go in 6-0, but we also could have lost one or two of those games we've played, so we've got a lot to prove ourselves."

Second-seeded Gibault (5-1) has been the tournament power in recent years, winning titles in 1984, 1987, 1990, 1991 and 1993. But the Hawks also are driven to restore credibility, having barely beaten their five victims this year by margins of 9, 10, 3, 6 and 5 points. Gibault plays its first game at



Kevin Roberts will lead Venice into Tuesday's first-round game against Red Bud.

2:30 p.m. against Brooklyn Lovejoy.

Other seeded teams in the top eight are No. 3 Roxana (6-3), No. 4 Freeburg (4-2), No. 5 Piassa Southwestern (4-4), No. 6 Lebanon (2-4) and No. 7 Red Bud, perhaps the most deceptive sleeper in that group. Even Venice and Waterloo — which opens at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday against (See TOURNEY, Page 4B)

## Warriors' JV skates past Mehlville, moves to 5-0-1

The varsity hockey Warriors are playing well, but the JV squad is also unbeaten.

On Dec. 17, the JV Warriors defeated Mehlville 4-2 at Wilson Park to improve to 5-0-1.

The Warriors scored early in the game on a goal by Jon Burns at 6:15 of the first period. It was Burns' fifth JV goal of the year, and it was assisted by Bobby Scott. The remainder of the period was a defensive battle.

Leading the defense were Mike Angle, Scott Sarich, Rob Slater and Lenny Wilson.

The second period remained tight-checking until the Panthers scored at 10:23. At 12:41, the Panthers received a checking from behind penalty when

Angle was knocked down. The Warriors capitalized immediately on a power-play goal by Jared Brown — his seventh — on assists from Wilson and Scott. The shot came from the left side of the net. The Warriors ahead for good at the 13-minute mark.

Early in the third period, the Warriors scored on Wilson's first goal of the year at the 4:35 mark. Burns recorded an assist on the goal.

Mehlville came back with a goal at 10:44 to cut the lead to 3-2. But Granite City finished the scoring on another power play as Brown notched his eighth goal of the year from Todd McQueen with 3:29 left.

## Sports shorts

**New Year's scramble**  
Arlington Golf Course is holding a New Year's Day Chili Scramble on Jan. 1, 1996. The scramble format will be A-B-C-D player type for four-person teams.

The cost is \$40, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, food and drink, plus cash prizes. To sign up, call 1-800-588-5232.

**BAC baseball camp**  
Belleville Area College baseball coach Neil Fiala will host an indoor hitting camp featuring video tape analysis at BAC from 5:30-8 p.m. on Jan. 7-9 at BAC. The camp is for kids ages 7-17; the cost is \$60. To register, call 225-2700, extension 271 during the day or (314) 487-2768 in the evening.

**McKendree on WINU**  
Action Syndication and WINU Radio, along with McKendree College, have worked out the details to return play-by-play coverage of McKendree men's basketball games to WINU.

"We are thrilled to be back on the air," said Bearcats

coach and athletic director Harry Statham. "The broadcast connects those of our fans who can't be with us during the game."

Because of the expansion of WINU Radio's broadcast schedule, the finalization of the broadcast package took longer than anticipated. Bruce Veach, Bob Agne and Joe May will share the play-by-play assignments with Kent Zimmerman providing color commentary.

The renewed coverage began Dec. 16 with McKendree's home game against Eureka College. Other games on the broadcast schedule are:

—Thursday, Jan. 4: McKendree at IUPUI (delay), 8 p.m.  
—Monday, Jan. 8: IUPUI at McKendree (delay), 9:15 p.m.

—Saturday, Jan. 13: Park at McKendree (delay), 8:30 p.m.  
—Thursday, Jan. 18: Columbia at McKendree (delay), 9:30 p.m.

—Saturday, Jan. 20: McKendree at Hannibal-LaGrange (delay), 10:30 p.m.  
—Thursday, Jan. 25: Missouri Baptist at McKendree (delay), 7:30 p.m.

—Saturday, Jan. 27:

McKendree at Lindenwood (delay), 9 p.m.  
—Thursday, Feb. 1: McKendree at Harris-Stowe, 7:30 p.m.

—Thursday, Feb. 8: McKendree at Park (delay), 9 p.m.  
—Saturday, Feb. 10: McKendree at Columbia, 7:30 p.m.

—Thursday, Feb. 15: Hannibal-LaGrange at McKendree (delay), 8:30 p.m.  
—Saturday, Feb. 17: McKendree at Missouri Baptist (delay), 10:30 p.m.

—Thursday, Feb. 22: Harris-Stowe at McKendree (delay), 8:30 p.m.  
—Saturday, Feb. 24: Lindenwood at McKendree (delay), 9 p.m.

**FCA volleyball clinic**  
The Greater St. Louis Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold its 1996 volleyball coaches clinic on Saturday, Jan. 6 at a site to be announced.

Clinicians include: Belleville Area College coach Lisa Kowalski, Jefferson College coach Jo Ellen Stringer, St. Louis University, FCA staff and Karen Hopkins (Illinois

State, Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood Volleyball Club).

The cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 on-site and includes refreshments and door prizes. For more information, call (314) 863-3322.

**FCA baseball coaches clinic**  
The Greater St. Louis Area Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold its 1996 baseball coaches clinic on Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Fairview Heights Ramada Inn, located at I-54 and Illinois 159.

The event will feature Milwaukee Brewers catcher Mike Matheny, Todd Worrell of the Los Angeles Dodgers will speak about his faith. Other clinicians include San Diego Padres scout Van Smith (former head coach at McKendree College and Belleville Area College) and Bob Marsh of Greenville College. The clinic host is Joel Hawkins, head baseball coach at Highland High School.

The cost is \$20 (by Jan. 17) or \$25 at the door and includes a continental breakfast. For more information, call (314) 863-3322.

**Fiala to speak at convention**

Belleville Area College baseball coach Neil Fiala has been chosen to speak at the national convention of the American Baseball Coaches Association, scheduled for Jan. 4-7 in Nashville, Tenn. Fiala will speak on situational hitting.

"I'll be talking about the hit-and-run, moving runners along, bunting and squeeze plays," he said.

Last season, Fiala guided the Dutchmen to a school-record 41 wins and their first sectional championship in five years.

Also, Fiala has been selected to coach an all-star team of 15- and 16-year-olds in an international tournament next July in Hawaii. Players from the Midwest, primarily Missouri and Illinois, will comprise the squad.

**International Sports Festival**  
The 1996 International Sports Festival, being held over the Fourth of July weekend, has expanded its sports to include baseball, basketball and volleyball. Teams from Belgium in each sport will be participating.

The IAF is looking for teams or athletes that are 17-18 or 13-14 years old to help host these international athletes and to play in small baseball, basketball and volleyball tournaments in Belleville and Fairview Heights. Exhibition games and clinics will also be held during their stay from July 2-15, 1996.

The IAF is looking for four local teams in each age group in each sport and will be inviting teams from four other states. Baseball and volleyball will be held in Fairview Heights and basketball will be held in Belleville.

Any interested team or athlete should call Kevin Whitworth at (314) 645-5496.

**Kirkwood Athletic Association**  
The Kirkwood (Mo.) Athletic Association is expanding its baseball program at all age levels in 1996. Individual and team registration will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Jan. 13 and Jan. 27 at Kirkwood Middle School.

The fee is \$90 per child. Team and family discounts are available. Call (314) 822-3666 for more information.

## Terry Eddleman League

Men's League	
Standings after 11 weeks	
A Division	
Lenny's.....	1221
Side Pocket.....	1190
Gabby's.....	1166
Al's 520.....	1143
Inn Between.....	1128
Fourth Street.....	1108

Scores	
Gabby's 110, Inn Between 103	
Side Pocket 116, Fourth St. 102	
Lenny's 124, Al's 520 96	

Run from Break	
Monte Wilson (Gabby's)	

B Division	
Besserman's.....	1226
Wayside #1.....	1225
Sammy's.....	1225
Wayside #2.....	1207
Sports Tap.....	1204
Side Pocket.....	1183
Village Inn.....	1159
Old Bridge Inn.....	1144
Mama's Boyz.....	1126
Buzz's.....	1061

Scores	
Village Inn 117, Wayside #1 98	
Sports Tap 127, Mama's Boyz 101	
Sammy's 128, Buzz's 107	
Wayside #2 121, Besserman's 89	

C Division	
Finish Line.....	1204
Mac's Bar.....	1201
El Gato.....	1191
Don & Brenda's.....	1181
Al's 520.....	1172
Jim & Lu's.....	1166
Sports Tap.....	1160
Summy's.....	1123
Inn Between.....	1103

Scores	
Finish Line 121, Jim & Lu's 91	
Mac's Bar 104, Don & Brenda's 104	
El Gato 114, Inn Between 104	

Run from Break	
Kevin Hayes (Al's 520)	
Brian Day (Finish Line)	

D Division	
Xtra Innings.....	1256
Besserman's.....	1222
Top of Landing.....	1208
Killions Inn.....	1180
The V Lounge.....	1181
Serranos.....	1181
Steel Inn.....	1183
Eddie's Lounge.....	1182
Village Inn.....	1156
Keith's.....	1152

Scores	
Killions Inn 106, Steel Inn 103	
Serranos 115, Besserman's 107	
Top of Landing 104, Village Inn 103	
Village Inn 119, Eddie's Lounge 91	

Run from Break	
Char Hinkle (Village Inn)	

E Division	
Eddie's Lounge.....	1222
Hooch & Sixteen.....	1213
Fourth Street.....	1213

Steel Inn.....	1181
Gabby's.....	1180
Ken's Lounge.....	1130
Rocky's.....	1118
Xtra Innings.....	1105
T.J.'s Saloon.....	1102
McMurphy's.....	1083

Scores	
Gabby's 110, Ken's Lounge 100	
Hooch & Sixteen 114, Steel Inn 112	
Gabby's 118, Xtra Innings 88	

Run from Break	
Mike Kmetz (Hooch & Sixteen)	

F Division	
Don & Brenda's.....	1249
L.A.'s.....	1229
T.J.'s Bar.....	1223
Ken's Lounge.....	1203
12th St. Saloon.....	1171
Dover Inn.....	1207
Sports Tap.....	1185
Al's 520.....	1167
Xtra Innings.....	1161
Al's 520.....	1142
Besserman's #2.....	1024

Scores	
Hooch & Sixteen 113, Side Pocket 110	
Mac's Bar 121, Xtra Innings 94	
L.A.'s 114, 12th Street 98	
Ken's Lounge 122, Don & Brenda's 99	

Run from Break	
Rob Krause (L.A.'s)	

Eight Ball on Break	
Clyde Martin (12th Street)	

G Division	
American Legion.....	1218
Top of Landing.....	1212
People's Place.....	1187
Buzz's.....	1146
Mac's Bar.....	1140
Big Ed's Vic.....	1139
Xtra Innings.....	1113
12th St. Saloon.....	1111
Serranos.....	1099

Scores	
Amer. Legion 129, Top of Landing 101	
People's Place 116, Serranos 104	
Big Ed's Vic 107, 12th Street 95	
Buzz's 106, L.A.'s 92	

Women's League	
Standings after 10 weeks	
A Division	
Fourth Street.....	1114
S.O.S.....	1114
Eddie's Lounge.....	1092
Side Pocket #2.....	1094
Wayside.....	1090
Side Pocket.....	1086
Gabby's.....	1037

Scores	
Eddie's 118, Side Pocket #1 104	
Buzz's 118, Gabby's 97	
Side Pocket #2 104, Wayside 103	

Run from Break	
Paulette Baker (Side Pocket #2)	

B Division	
Big Ed's Vic.....	1136
Inn Between.....	1110

Ken's Lounge.....	1102
Gabby's.....	1083
Ken's Lounge.....	1070
Rocky's.....	1058
Steel Inn.....	1005
Serranos.....	984

Scores	
Finish Line 109, Steel Inn 108	
Serranos 105, L.A.'s 101	
Gabby's 124, Ken's Lounge 97	
Big Ed's Vic 116, Inn Between 112	

C Division	
Don & Brenda's.....	1172
Mac's Bar.....	1137
Fourth Street.....	1124
Side Pocket.....	1098
L.A.'s.....	1098
Gabby's.....	1077
Al's 520.....	1066
12th St. Saloon.....	1066
Xtra Innings.....	1063
Besserman's #1.....	1062
L.A.'s.....	1045
Besserman's #2.....	1024

Scores	
Hooch & Sixteen 113, Side Pocket 110	
Mac's Bar 121, Xtra Innings 94	
L.A.'s 109, Besserman's #2 93	
Fourth St. 117, Al's 520 113	
Don & Brenda's 120, Gabby's 107	

D Division	
Mac's Bar.....	1136
Old Bridge Inn.....	1103
Gabby's.....	1099
Big Ed's Vic.....	1092
Carol-Hideway.....	1079
Inn Between.....	1074
Village Inn.....	1065
Wayside.....	1065
Sports Tap.....	1015

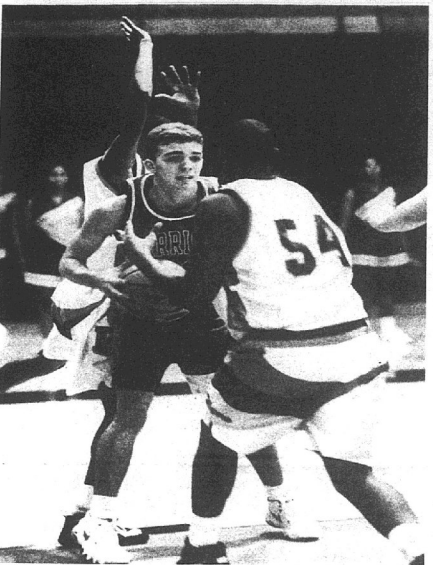
Scores	
Carol-Hideway 111, Gabby's 109	
Mac's Bar 119, T.C.'s 102	
Inn Between 107, Big Ed's Vic 104	
Old Bridge Inn 120, Wayside 102	

E Division	
McMurphy's.....	1105
Lenny's.....	1080
T.J.'s Bar.....	1082
Village Inn.....	1070
Pollack's.....	1069
Side Pocket.....	1060
Straight Home.....	1046
Tip Top.....	987

Scores	
Side Pocket 111, Tip Top 88	
Straight Home 106, McMurphy's 99	
Lenny's 109, T.J.'s Bar 102	

F Division	
Dover Inn.....	1116
12th Street Saloon.....	1087
Sammy's.....	1052
Polish Inn.....	1018
Judy Inn.....	1008
Straight Home.....	1008
Side Pocket.....	1003

Scores	
Dover Inn 111, Al's 520 93	
Sammy's 118, Straight Home 104	
12th Street 113, Judy Inn 84	



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)  
Granite City's Tim Wallace looks to pass as Lavaun Powell of East St. Louis moves in to defend.

## •GCHS•

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Still, it took a big effort to get past Civic Memorial (4-4), currently second in the Mississippi Valley Conference. Nic Stotler led the Eagles with 18 points and six assists. It was the Warriors' second consecutive MVC opponent.

The Warriors will return to the court 4 p.m. Thursday, when they take on Springfield Southeast in the first round of the Collinsville-Schnucks Holiday Classic.

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## Journal Writers' Poll Boys Basketball

### •Mascoutah

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home game against Belleville East.

"We've definitely got an upset on our minds, but even if we don't beat Carleyle, we'll look to the consolation bracket," said West coach Larry Betz. "Our record isn't very good, but I think we're getting better."

"We're still playing without Shannon McLean, who has had the flu, an ankle sprain and a cut finger. But we have five girls who can score 15 to 20 points on a given night. Lindsay Rust and Sarah Emke are playing much better and Dawn McDonald and Nia Ross-Howard have looked good in the last couple games."

• **Centralia vs. Westville, 11 a.m.:** Centralia, a traditional Class AA power, has a 7-2 record, with its only losses to Belleville East and O'Fallon. "Things are going pretty well," said Annie coach Ann Murray. "We have three girls averaging in double figures and two more right at it."

The starting five for Centralia features seniors Tiffany Maines and Lea Todette at guard, senior Heidi Criner at forward, senior Heidi Vonheide at center and either junior Laura Turner or sophomore Lyna Edison at forward. The top players off the bench are senior guard Theresa Schwartz and junior forward/center Nichole Dorries. "Lisa and Tiffany were starters all of last year and Heidi Vonheide started for six games until Summer Maines got back in the lineup," Murray said. "The defense has given us a good

effort and we're much better in the post position with Heidi Vonheide."

Westlin takes a 5-2 record and a four-game winning streak into the tournament despite not having a senior on its squad.

"I've seen Centralia play a couple times — they're a very aggressive team, they have some depth and they press you," said first-year coach Andy Lobbs. "They don't have too many weaknesses."

Junior Lindsay Brefeld, a three-year starter, leads Westlin in scoring at 24 points per game. Freshman Darcie Loudon moved into the starting lineup in the Warriors' third game and is averaging 12 points per game.

• **Altchoff vs. Mount Vernon, 12:30 p.m.:** Altchoff enters the tournament with an 8-2 record. Its only losses were to Mater Dei and St. Joseph's Academy of St. Louis. "We played Mount Vernon (in the first round) last year and they thumped us pretty good," said Crusaders coach Jim Karwowski.

Altchoff was supposed to play Okawville last Tuesday, but heavy snow forced postponement of the game until Feb. 9. "We're pretty much banged up and pretty sick, so the time off should help us," Karwowski said. "Jill Gornic, Sarah Woolsey and Courtney Johnston all have foot injuries on the mend. Becky Feldmann has pulled muscles in her ribs; she didn't play very well against Mascoutah."

Mount Vernon, which lost its final two games in the 1994 tournament, took a 6-6 record into Thursday's game against Cahokia.

The team's top scorers are 6-0 sophomore Amanda Jordan (15 ppg) and 5-8 sophomore Michelle Percy (11 ppg).

• **Jerseyville vs. Okawville, 2 p.m.:** Jerseyville, which beat Quincy for fourth place last year, is 8-0 and ranked 16th in the state in Class AA. The leading scorers for the Panthers are the sister combination of 5-9 junior Kaite Mortensen (15.9 ppg) and 6-0 senior Amy Mortensen (12 ppg). Jara Hellrung, a 5-9 junior, is averaging 10.9 points per game and 5-6 junior Brianna Coffman has a team-leading seven assists per game.

Okawville, with All-American Michelle Hascheider leading the way, was the Class A state champion two years ago and was a powerhouse again last season, beating Belleville East 40-38 to take first place at Mascoutah. Hascheider, now at the University of Colorado — and her solid supporting cast are gone, but the Lady Rockets are still a formidable foe.

• **Belleville East vs. Triad, 4:30 p.m.:** East (7-0), despite the loss of 6-2 Sara Burge (now at DePaul University), remains among the area's top Class AA teams. "I feel we have a legitimate shot of winning the tournament — it's a matter of going out there and being able to do it," said Lancers coach Paul James. "We've been pretty balanced. In seven games, Jenny Dallao (a 6-0 senior) and Lindsay Welter (a 5-9 senior) have each been our leading scorer twice and Jessica Jackson (a 6-3 sophomore) has led us three times."

Dallao and Welter are averaging 13 points a game, Jack-

son is averaging 15 points and Rochelle Whitehorn (a 5-10 senior) is averaging 10 points.

• **O'Fallon vs. Highland, 6 p.m.:** Teamwork has been the key for O'Fallon, one of the area's most improved teams at 7-1.

"We're pretty equal, which we expected going into the year," said Panthers coach Doug Haas. "The kids work together and they like each other. Joda Shields is averaging 16 points a game; the rest of the scoring is pretty balanced."

Highland, with an 8-2 record, has been equally impressive. "I know O'Fallon likes to get the ball up and down the floor and score a lot of points," said Lady Bulldogs coach Rich Kanter. "We've been trying to push the ball a lot, too."

Highland returns two starters in senior center Laura Buss and junior guard Mandie Schmitt. The other starters are freshman Jane Klostermann and sophomores Brooke Dillier and Jill Johnson.

• **Mascoutah vs. Nashville, 7:30 p.m.:** The host Indians are 4-8 — a modest mark, but a big improvement over the past two seasons. "We won four games all of last year, so we're playing pretty well," said Mascoutah coach Pat Cook.

Nashville took a 7-1 record into Thursday's game against Okawville. "We have only one returning varsity player, but we had a good JV team last year," said Hornets coach Wendy Porter. "We're getting a lot out of a senior, so it will be very good for the girls to see this level of competition."

• **Quincy vs. Granite City, 9 p.m.:** Making its first appearance at Mascoutah last year, Quincy placed fourth on the way to a 32-6 overall record.

Starters for Quincy (6-2) are senior guard Monique Fletcher (who has already signed to play next season at the University of Missouri), junior guard Shy Cartmill, sophomore center Ruth Kipping (the team's leading scorer and an all-tournament selection last year at Mascoutah), 5-8 senior Becky Hamm and 5-4 defensive specialist Becky Peterson. The top reserves are 5-10 senior Val Kron and 5-8 sophomore Heather Hillebrener.

Granite City fell to 5-5 after Thursday's 45-44 loss to Collierville.

"I don't know if we can compete at the level of competition in this tournament, especially starting off against the No. 14 team in the state," said Lady Warriors coach Chuck Kraus. "We'll have to play the game of our lives just to win one game."

"We're not big and we're not good shooters, but we're scrappy. If people look past us, that could cost them. One thing these girls don't do is give up."

Granite City has the area's No. 2 scorer in senior Denise McMillan, who is averaging more than 23 points per game. "Every team knows they have to shut her down," Kraus said. "If they do shut her down, we're not going to win unless the other girls start shooting better. We start two sophomores, two juniors and a senior, so it will be very good for the girls to see this level of competition."

## Journal Writers' Poll Girls Basketball

LARGE SCHOOLS	
1. Parkway South (5-0).....	70
2. Cor Jesu (4-2).....	62
3. St. Charles West (7-0).....	49
4. (tie) Belleville East (7-0).....	48
4. (tie) Hazelwood Central (9-1).....	48
6. Northwest (7-0).....	36
7. Parkway West (7-1).....	25
8. McCluer (7-1).....	13
9. Belleville West (7-0).....	9
10. Webster Groves (5-1).....	7

## Journal Writers' Poll Wrestling

Week of Dec. 20

Team	Points
1. Fox.....	55
2. Granite City.....	55
3. Hazelwood East.....	48
4. St. Charles West.....	42
5. Francis Howell.....	36
6. Vianney.....	29
7. Oakville.....	22
8. Pattonville.....	19
9. Belleville East.....	8
10. DeSmet.....	5

### •Germany

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Rhine River near Dusseldorf. Petrovski, who signed a professional contract early last summer, is waiting to get his naturalization papers through. He is currently playing on Uerdingen's junior team. After he tried out for the team, it was found that he had German ancestry. Therefore, once he becomes a German citizen, he will be eligible for the national team.

After originally committing to Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Petrovski put those plans aside to go to Germany.

"I figured it was my chance, and I had to go for it," he said. "It worked out fine. I like it a lot, and I'm getting pretty good at understanding the language, although speaking it is a little harder. I'm hoping once this naturalization goes through, I can move up to the first-division under-18 team for this year, and the under-20 team next year."

Van Buskirk signed in the fall, and he is simply waiting until he can join the first-division Uerdingen team. After spending time on the amateur team, he is eager to play first-division soccer.

"I have to wait until my three months are up, and I haven't got to play on the first-division team yet," Van Buskirk said. "But things are going well, and I'm sure I'll get my chance. I like it over there, and I'm glad I had this opportunity. It's a great league in a great soccer country."

Van Buskirk played Division I soccer at Indiana University, where he had an excellent career despite a serious knee injury in 1992. He has recovered fully from that mishap. Both players are represented by Paul Hahn, a scout and player agent in Germany.

Each signed similar amateur-division contracts, which allow them to keep their amateur status and still earn some money, of which there is plenty for German soccer players. The two live less than five minutes away from each other, although they do not see each other on a daily basis.

"I see Shawn quite a bit, even though we don't play on the same team," Van Buskirk said. "But we are in the same organization, and we are about the only people around who speak English."

"It's nice to have somebody to talk to," Petrovski said. "We see each other during training, and we get a chance to go do something together every now and then."

Soccer must come first, so they refrain from venturing into Krefeld during time off.

However, when they're not watching a soccer game on TV, they're attending one. "It's crazy over there," Petrovski said. "The atmosphere's great, and as soon as I walk in I get psyched. The players are fantastic."

Both players will be in town for just a couple of weeks before heading back to Germany for the start of the second half of the soccer season, which lasts from August through May. The teams may even train in South America next month, as the winters are cold and rainy in Germany.

"The league takes a three-week break for Christmas, and then starts up again after the first of the year," Van Buskirk said. "It gives us a chance to come home for the holidays, so that's nice. It's great to be back in town for a while."

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)  
Mikal Guffey (right) gets off a shot. At 10-0, the Warriors are the only unbeaten team left in Tier II of the Mid-States Club Hockey Association.

## •Tourney

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**SOUTHWESTERN** — could be darkhorses among other non-seeded teams, which include Marissa (0-5) and Gillespie (1-6).

**COLUMBIA** features the most dynamic one-two scoring punch in junior 6-1 twin guards Shawn and Ryan Patton, who through five games ranked fifth and sixth in the area with respective scoring averages of 22.5 and 21.8 points. Three-point specialist Joey Cocos could be a key player off the bench.

**ROXANA**, which won the consolation title last year, hammered Freeburg 69-56 on Dec. 9 and defeated a talented Bunker Hill team (19-8 last year), despite having three starters out of the lineup. The Shells are paced by 5-11 sophomore guard Jarrod White (18 points per game) and 6-0 junior guard Ryan Cherepka, who scored 21 against Freeburg. Roxana also has good baseline size with seniors Mark Bearley (6-6) and Joe Marshall (6-5) as starters and senior Bob Morrill (6-6) coming off the bench.

**FREEBURG** also has an impressive big man in 6-6 junior center Adam Moddrell (13 ppg), who recently scored 22 points against Lebanon. But coach Fred Blumberg's Midgents rely mostly on a balanced attack fortified by 6-4 senior forward Lyle Krampfer (six rebounds per game) and senior guards Mark Janssen and

Jason Glanzer, who both average about 10 points.

**SOUTHWESTERN** owns a two-game winning streak, having recovered from a monster early schedule, which included a win over Carrollton (No. 17 in the state) and losses to No. 2-ranked Pittsfield and undefeated White Hall North Greene. Coach Steve Woolsey has four top scorers: 6-3 junior guard John Delong (18 ppg); 6-5 junior center Robert Macropoulos (13 ppg); and 6-3 forwards Tim Pranger and Bryan Hagen (both 10 ppg).

**LEBANON** is not the same imposing super-sectional team since graduating former standouts such as 6-6 Duane Roth (Belleville Area College) and guards Adam Schieppe (BAC) and Justin Tarver (Florissant Valley College). But coach John Schieppe still has an athletic, fast-breaking lineup, paced by senior scoring machine Eric Schwehr. The 6-0 guard leads the entire Metro East in scoring (30.2 ppg) and in 3-point baskets per game (4.2 average).

**RED BUD** took a deceptive 1-4 record into back-to-back games Thursday against Waterloo and Friday against Valmeyer just before the tournament. But coach Matt Mason is just now getting his lineup in order after the recent return of 6-4 forward Quentin Stenzel and senior point guard Ryan Griffin from disciplinary suspensions. The Musketeers are huge

with 6-9, 210-pound sophomore Chris Braun (12.0 ppg) and 6-6, 215-pound senior Neal Rohlfing (10.2 ppg) patrolling the lane.

**AFFTON** took a 5-2 record and three-game winning streak into its latest game Thursday against Clayton, Mo. Senior 6-3 guard Scott Campbell should rival Schwehr as the tournament's best 3-point bomber. Through seven games, Campbell had 56 3-pointers, was shooting close to 50 percent from that range.

**WATERLOO** rebounded from an early 0-4 start to take a 2-4 record into Thursday's game at Red Bud. First-year coach Scott Williams has a physical squad, paced by 6-2, 195-pound forward Darren Davis (15.1 ppg) and 6-5 center Clint Pauline (11.1 ppg).

**DAYLESS** has won two straight Missouri Class 2A district titles and is favored to win a third this year. The Broncos have twice scored 12 and nine 3-pointers in four of their games. Sizzling point guard Dave Silva (18.5 ppg) is averaging 24.6 points in his last three games.

**VENICE**, which was 2-3 before Thursday's game at Normandy (Mo.), has speed and smooth perimeter shooting to offset its lack of size. While seniors Keith Kennedy (14.8 ppg), James Buckles (10.6 ppg) and 6-1 sophomore James Edwards (11.8 ppg) are the top scorers, Venice's success will hinge on the health status of

## •Guffey

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Granite City lost only twice three years ago, when they won the Mid-States Tier II title, and also had a year in which they lost only three times. But the Warriors have never gone undefeated. In fact, it is thought that it's only happened once in MSCHA history, and that team was CBC several years ago.

"I didn't play soccer this year to concentrate on hockey, and I guess it paid off," Guffey said. "But I'm lifting weights every day, and I can get better. I never expected to do this well. But as long as I'm helping the team, I don't care how much I score. It's the same way with this whole team."

"We're all starting to realize that the passing game is a bigger part of the game than scoring. And the defense is doing such a great job, even though we really don't have anybody real big back there. But everybody is willing to play their position and check hard."

Although he is enjoying suc-

cess as a hockey player, Guffey is realistic. He knows it's difficult to get a hockey scholarship coming out of this area. Therefore, he still plays baseball, and hopes to earn a college scholarship that way. But he hasn't totally lost hope.

"You never know. I don't think I could play Division I hockey, but possibly I could play Division II. Guffey said, "I just want to keep playing some way. It's my favorite sport, and I just enjoy playing the game."



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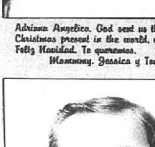
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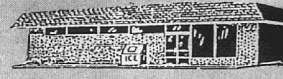


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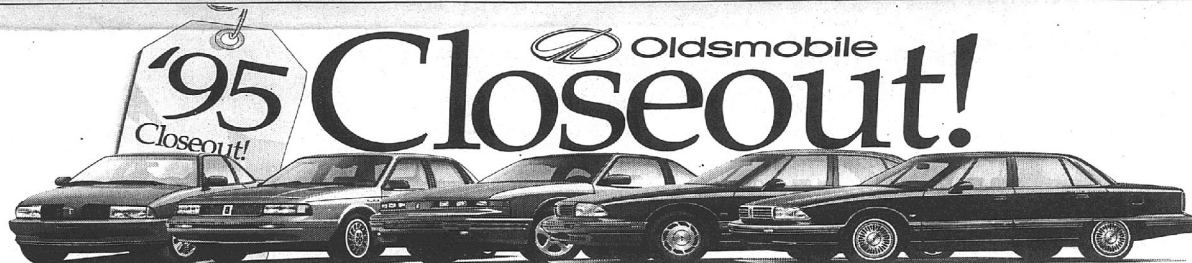
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Practical experience qualifies you to be the organizer. A gathering of those who knew each other years ago — perhaps a family reunion — is fun. Next week, have a special luncheon with old friends.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Greet a big day with big plans and big energy. Arriving out-of-town visitors bring terrific surprises. You're open to changes in plans — new dishes are served along with the traditional, and new a light shines on old issues.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Dear ones become dearer. You see beneath the surface to the caring hearts and good intentions. Be the binding force for those you love, and much can



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**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Finishing touches occupy you — don't be too fussy about perfection. Get advice from a talented neighbor if you can't figure out how to make it work. A family reunion illuminates your background in a whole new light.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Giving is the greatest joy. Don't confine it to those you know personally. Teach children that there's a big world of need out there. The health of loved ones dictates activities — go easy on rich stuff yourself.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 24).** Design a new self-image to help you meet a new opportunity cycle with receptivity! The latest knowledge leads to limitless accomplishments — start in January, large purchase is a go in February or April. A relocation may be needed in May as a result of a business partnership, bringing a romance that will fulfill your soul's long search. June is full of luck.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You're targeted by destiny for love, luck and all such good stuff more than ever now. A child makes you especially proud — give kids the room they need to show you what they can do.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** A warm-hearted woman is a rock of stability. If you said you'd be there tonight, they'll be counting on you. Getting closer with co-workers during the holidays provides a moment of romance for you and a Sagittarian.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Let others take over and show you what they can do. Messages and loving greetings come from unexpected people — some, you haven't heard from in years. Exciting new

acquaintances may bring luck in the near future.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Saying thank you gracefully is a big part of the day. Love is expressed — especially thoughtful gifts. Being a good guest includes helping to make smooth conversation with those who are clearly uncomfortable.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Those who love you really show it now. Spoil the kids a little — the greatest gift for them is a sense of values. Older family members are the focus — they have much to teach, and are also the most fun!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Letting go of the past has made you ready for important new breakthroughs in relationships. You receive a book that will be of special value. An interesting discussion with a rich in-law can lead to a new job.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your influence with your family is well-deserved. Big responsibilities you've shouldered have earned the love of those you admire. Your money picture improves next year — long-time associations will finally pay off.



**Vanessa Vargo**  
 Vargo to host holiday show

Vanessa Vargo, singer and model, will host a Granite City Christmas Special, which will air on cable television Channel 3 this weekend and again in July. Vargo sings, plays the piano and guitar and proclaims the true meaning of Christmas. Her most recent modeling assignment was video modeling for a new European music video. Her music, on cassette, went on sale in October at Vintage Vinyl.

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## Many songs have references to weather

By Bill Beggs  
 Correspondent

**RAIN OR SHINE:** Like most folks, when they run out of other things to talk about, songwriters turn to the weather. Nearly every weather pattern has figured into song titles and lyrics. We predict you'll do fairly to partly cloudy on this quiz.

1. "Summer Breeze" was a No. 6 hit in *Billboard's* Top 40 in the fall of 1972 for what duo?  
 2. What was the No. 1 hit for Neil Sedaka in early 1973?

3. Who hit No. 8 in 1970 with "Snowbird"?  
 4. What was the No. 2 hit in 1980 for Christopher Cross?  
 5. "Who'll Stop the Rain" was the flip side of a No. 2 hit in 1970 for what group?  
 6. What was the No. 4 hit in 1968 for The Temptations?  
 7. Who hit No. 2 in 1966 with "Sunny"?  
 8. What cheery tune was a No. 1 hit in 1974 for John Henry Deutchendorf, aka John Denver?  
 9. Who hit No. 3 in 1990 with "I Wish It Would Rain Down"?  
 10. What heavy-metal band from Germany hit No. 25 in 1984 with "Rock You Like A Hurricane"? (Extra credit: What was the group's other Top 40 "weather" song, No. 4 in 1991?)

(Extra credit: "Wind Of Change")  
 ANSWERS: 1. Seals & Crofts  
 2. "Smash Into You"  
 3. Bobby Hebb  
 4. "Smash Into You"  
 5. The "A" side of "I Wish It Would Rain Down"  
 6. "Smash Into You"  
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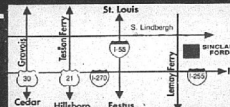
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North	Fri., 12/29	6:00pm
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16 Stratus or cruise

20 More

24 Provocative

28 Wish list

32 Paradox or

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44 Rule

48 Normality

52 Claudio

56 Wood layer

60 Surprise

64 Attack

68 Bosnian pilot

72 Orser

76 Pro nobis

80 Incomprehensible

84 Snacks!

88 Woman's cap

92 Awa wearer

96 Moccasin

100 More of the

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108 Klutz's utterance

112 Metal alloy

116 Trademark

120 Talked

124 Incessantly

128 Or mills

132 Severe critic

136 Left ventricle

140 Unexpected

144 Winner

148 Abated a bit

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156 A little stronger

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164 Nymphs

168 Photographers

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176 Cooks

180 Districts

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29 Manners

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37 Long March

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48 Comes to the

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64 Drop — clue in

68 Hot drink

72 Depends —

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112 Dog!"

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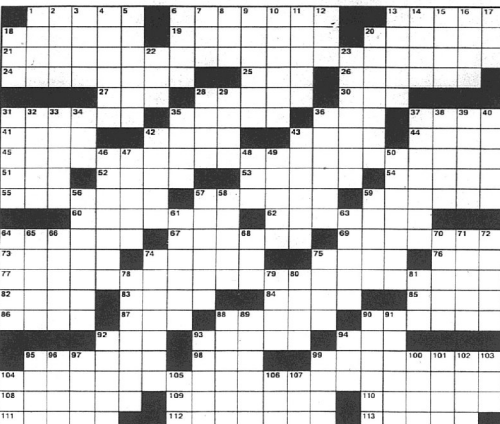
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